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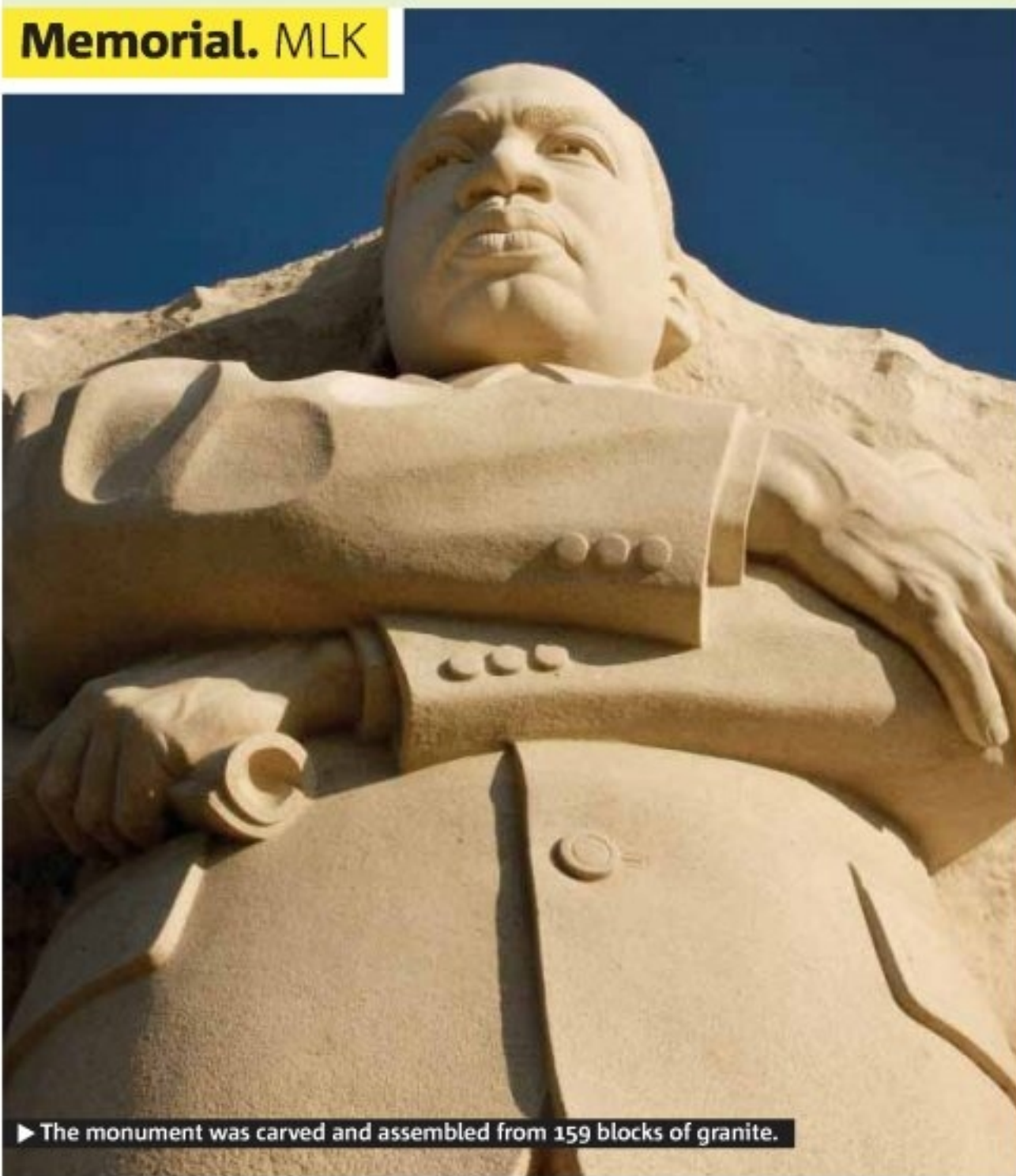
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Fifteen years after a decision to establish a memorial to honor civil rights pioneer Martin Luther King Jr., the four-acre site in Washington opened to the public for the first time yesterday. The memorial will be dedicated on Aug. 28, marking the anniversary of King's Dream speech 48 years ago from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. {page 08}

DSK maid keeps up the fight as DA drops it

► Prosecution asks judge to dismiss charges because maid 'has not been truthful' ► Housekeeper makes final bid to keep case alive, but effort deemed 'silly' {page 02}

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Manhunt: Gaddafi still free

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Duane Reade chief is jail-bound

Former Duane Reade CEO Anthony Cuti was sentenced yesterday to three years in prison after a jury convicted him in relation to accounting fraud at the drugstore chain. U.S. prosecutors charged Cuti with falsely inflating the chain's income. **REUTERS**

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Same-sex marriages now 1 in 4

NEW YORK. One in four of new couples who have requested marriage licenses in the city since July are gay, according to the New York Post.

The newspaper reported that since gay couples

were legally allowed to marry beginning on July 24, about a quarter have been gay and lesbian marriages. About 1,400 gay couples have tied the knot, the newspaper reported. City Clerk Michael McSweeney told the Post that the office distributed an average of 335 marriage license applications per day last week.

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A drink for the fallen?

LONG ISLAND. A Suffolk County vintner released special bottles of chardonnay and merlot this month in honor of the 9/11 attacks.

The general manager of Lieb Family Cellars said they plan to donate six to 10

percent of their proceeds from the wine to the National September 11 Memorial and Museum. But because the bottles sell for \$19.11, that amount comes to only between \$1.15 and \$1.91 per bottle



to the museum, according to the New York Daily News.

General Manager Gary Madden defended the wine. "We lost a lot of friends on 9/11," he told the News. "The owners of the vineyard are Wall Street people." ● METRO/CB

Strauss-Kahn may be returning home

► DSK could fly home today ► Judge expected to drop all or some of the charges ► Maid's attorney tries last-ditch attempt and vows to continue

By this evening, Dominique Strauss-Kahn could be sitting in first class with a glass of wine on a flight to France. Prosecutors filed papers yesterday requesting the judge drop sexual assault charges against the former International Monetary Fund head.

Strauss-Kahn is due to appear in Manhattan Supreme Court at 11:30 this morning, where a judge is widely expected to agree to drop the charges.

"It's the end of the road," said former city prosecutor Julie Block.

The attorney who represents the maid accusing Strauss-Kahn of attempted rape is fighting in a last-minute attempt to keep the case alive. Kenneth Thompson filed a motion yesterday requesting a special prosecutor be brought in. But legal experts say it's a desperate attempt to save a dying case.

"That's just silly talk," former Brooklyn prosecutor Michael Weinstock told Metro. "Not a chance."

Prosecutors said holes in the maid's story and a murky history led them to believe she would not be a strong enough witness to continue with the case.

"If we do not believe her beyond a reasonable doubt, we cannot ask a jury to do so," prosecutors said of the maid in documents submitted to the judge yesterday.



► Women showed up outside Manhattan Supreme Court yesterday to show their support for the maid.

Quoted

"He can get on a plane and wave his nose at Cy Vance."

WEINSTOCK, ON STRAUSS-KAHN

They said they found evidence that DSK engaged "in a hurried, sexual encounter with the complainant" — but that it was not a forcible encounter.



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Character attack

According to the DA's recommendation to dismiss, the maid has lied about "matters great and small" and has a "longstanding pattern of untruthfulness."



Lack of respect from DA?

NEW YORK. Thompson said yesterday that Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance "sabotaged" the prosecution and showed "outright disrespect" toward his client. Even if the maid pursues the civil lawsuit she filed earlier this month against Strauss-Kahn, the Frenchman could easily fight that battle through lawyers from France, Weinstock said.

Protests to support maid

NEW YORK. Councilwoman Letitia James and women's advocates rallied yesterday afternoon at the Manhattan courthouse in support of the accuser. The woman "deserves her day in court," said Sonia Ossorio, director of the National Organization for Women. "Despite all the lies, innuendo and slander directed towards her, her allegation is credible."

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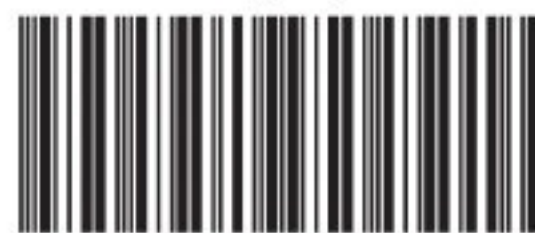
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NY GOPers mull entry to 2012 fray

Two of New York's biggest GOP heavyweights are flirting with entering the 2012 presidential race.

Former state GOP chairman William Powers is publicly pushing for Texas Gov. Rick Perry to pick Rudy Giuliani as his running mate.

The Republican presidential field has been floundering as voters seem nonplussed with the candidates. Having Giuliani on his ticket could help Perry bring in voters on the Eastern Seaboard, attracting residents in states like New Jersey and Pennsylvania, explained Powers.

"He'd be the best No. 2 anybody in the world

could pick," Powers told the New York Post.

Meanwhile, former three-term New York governor George Pataki is reportedly considering running as a GOP presidential candidate. Pataki, who is pro-choice and pro-gay rights, is "deeply disappointed ... on the debt issue and in the lack of serious solutions being offered by the current Republican field," his spokesman David Catalfano told media outlets yesterday.

"The governor is seriously considering getting into the race," he said.



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Areola activism. Columbus Circle



► Andrea Sestanovich, 20, rallies against laws that don't allow women the same freedom as men to bare their tops.

Breast kind of protest

Dozens of women — and some men — bared their breasts in Columbus Circle on Sunday. New York is one of the few states that grants women the legal right to go topless in public. **METRO/EAE**

Police hunt parents of abandoned newborn

ASTORIA. Police yesterday were still trying to determine the identity of and find the parents who dropped off a 7-pound baby in front of a house on 28th Street in Astoria Friday. The baby girl was found on the stoop of a home, nestled in a shoebox with three roses placed alongside her. The umbilical cord was still attached to the child, and doctors think the baby was born within the past 24 hours of being discovered.

'Safe-haven' law

Under New York state law, people can anonymously leave newborns at police stations, firehouses and hospitals without fear of being arrested — but the protection does not extend to private homes.

ered. The infant was checked out in a Queens hospital and found to be in good health.

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Officer arrested for DWI

QUEENS. An off-duty New York City police officer was arrested early Sunday morning and charged with driving while drunk.

Khamwatee Brijburkhan, 36, was arrested after she was allegedly intoxicated and plowed into a parked car in South Ozone Park just after 2 a.m. Nobody was injured in the accident. Brijburkhan is assigned to protect the 88th precinct in Ft. Greene, Brooklyn.

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Battle over outdoor boozing

► HopStop ranks the city's beer gardens by top searches ► Birreria wins ► Rooftop bars ranked, too



► Le Bain bar at The Standard Hotel was rated the No. 1 rooftop bar in the city, according to HopStop.

What's better than an ice-cold beer? An ice-cold beer al fresco.

And the best place for boozing outdoors is Birreria, chef Mario Batali's beer garden located above Flatiron-newcomer Eataly, according to a survey from HopStop.

HopStop compiled a list of 32 beer gardens in the city and then calculated how many times New Yorkers searched for directions to or from the locations.

Birreria was the most-searched beer garden in the city, according to HopStop, followed by The Standard Biergarten in the West Village and Beekman Beer Garden Beach Club on the South Street Seaport.

"We wanted to figure out which local beer gardens and hotel rooftop bars were drawing the biggest crowds this summer," read a blog post on HopStop.

"We are the only ones that brew our beers on the roof," said Luca Vesnaver, a manager of Birreria.

Manhattan-based beer gardens represented six of the top 10 spots, but Queens and Brooklyn staples like Bohemian Hall and Radegast also ranked within the top ten.

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Red-light cameras net \$52M

NEW YORK. The city's red-light cameras are bringing in \$52 million each year in revenue, according to the New York Daily News. The controversial cameras catch cars breezing through red lights, and the city then

40 City Councilman James Vacca is pushing to install 40 more red-light cameras this year in NYC.

sends drivers a \$50 ticket, along with a snapshot of themselves blazing through the light. New York has already installed 150 of the cameras citywide, which some decry as invasive. ● METRO/AB

PATHers brace for ticket spike



NEW YORK. Riders of the PATH train, beware. The unlimited monthly pass is set to undergo a big price jump on Sept. 18 — from \$54 to \$65 a month. The 20 percent increase is part of the Port Authority's planned hike in tolls and fares. Single PATH fares will also rise, from \$1.75 to \$2. The monthly pass will go up once more in 2012, to \$73. ● METRO/AB

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Feds announce new funds for high-speed rail

► \$745 million to go to Northeast Corridor ► Once completed, Acela Express could reach 160 mph ► But would only shave off just over a minute of travel time

The fastest passenger trains in the nation are one step closer to New York.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced \$745 million in mass transit funding yesterday to improve the heavily traveled Northeast Corridor line between New York City and Trenton, N.J.

Once the project is completed, Acela Express

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Another \$295 million will be spent on a junction in Queens to separate Amtrak trains traveling between New York and Boston from Long Island Railroad, Metro-North and New Jersey Transit commuter trains.

trains on the stretch of re-vamped track between Trenton and New Brunswick, New Jersey, would be the fastest in North America — reaching up to 160 miles per hour.

After improving supplemental power supply and modernizing signals, the government hopes to one day bring that speed up to 186 miles per hour.

Going 160 miles per

“With gas prices on the rise and congestion clogging our roads, more and more Americans are choosing to travel by train.” SZABO

hour on that 24-mile segment of New Jersey track compared with the current max of 135 mph would save about a minute and 40 seconds.

That's at a cost of \$4.5 million per each second of

improvement.

“With our population expected to grow by 100 million more people between now and 2050, we are investing in a high-speed rail system that connects to other modes of

transportation, reduces congestion and improves the efficiency and reliability of travel in America,” explained Federal Railroad Administrator Joseph C. Szabo.

Making Amtrak trains reach 186 mph on the improved stretch will also require new locomotives and passenger cars, the rail administration said.

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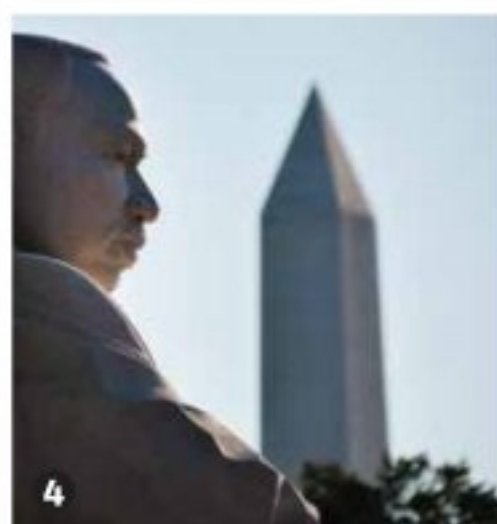
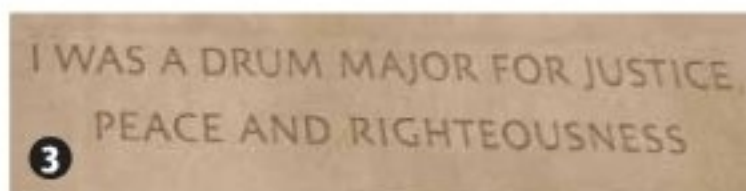
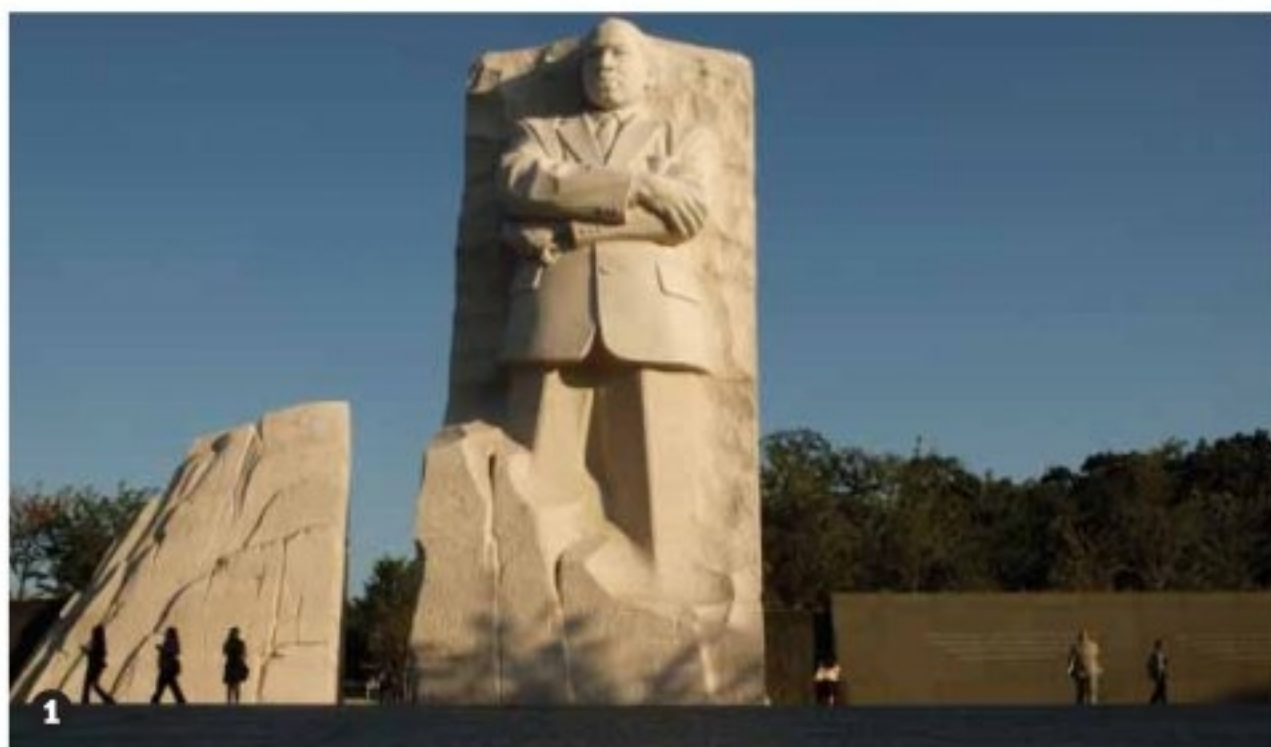
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News in pictures

MLK Jr. takes his place on National Mall

WASHINGTON. Martin Luther King Jr. stood 30 feet tall on the National Mall as a memorial to him was unveiled yesterday morning — the first memorial on the Mall not dedicated to a war, president or white man. **REUTERS**

1: Fifteen years after Congress authorized it, American civil rights pioneer stands tall. Sculptor Lei Yixin carved 159 granite blocks to create the memorial's "Mountain of Despair" and "Stone of Hope."
2: A 450-foot-long wall is inscribed with 14 quotations from the famous orator.
3: In 1968, MLK asked to be remembered for leaving "a committed life behind."
4: The Washington Monument can be seen in the background.



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Hurricane aimed at United States

SANTO DOMINGO. Hurricane Irene could hit the southeastern United States as a major Category 3 storm on the weekend after sweeping north of the Dominican Republic and pummeling Puerto Rico yesterday, forecasters said.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center's five-day forecast showed the first hurricane of the 2011 Atlantic season swinging up Florida's east coast on

9 Irene, the ninth named storm of the 2011 Atlantic season, looks set to be the first hurricane to make landfall in the United States since Ike in 2008.

Thursday for a possible landfall in South Carolina on Saturday. Earlier, Irene buffeted Puerto Rico with winds and heavy rain, knocking out power and downing trees. **REUTERS**

Hybrid trucks in eight years?

DETROIT. Toyota Motor Corp. and Ford Motor Co. will work together to develop hybrid trucks and SUVs that will be ready for market by the end of the decade, the two companies said yesterday.

Ford and Toyota plan to

collaborate on product development for the future rear-wheel drive hybrid vehicles, as well as for telephone, Internet and entertainment systems.

Developing the hybrids will help each automaker meet stringent U.S. fuel economy standards in coming years, said Toyota's vice president for R&D. **REUTERS**



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Libya's next phase carries risks for US

President Barack Obama was a cautious leader in the drive to topple Libya's Muammar Gaddafi and could face even greater risks as Libya embarks on a messy transition to a post-Gaddafi era.

But the United States — despite deep economic problems and unpopular and costly military commitments in Iraq and Afghanistan — may yet find itself saddled with an important role in Libya's political reconstruction.

As rebel forces surged into Tripoli and Gaddafi became a hunted man, Obama

acknowledged the conflict had reached a "tipping point," but emphasized that what comes next is up to the Libyans.

"This much is clear: the Gaddafi regime is coming to an end, and the future of

Libya is in the hands of its people," Obama said in a statement yesterday. He pledged the United States would work with the rebels and its international allies to support a peaceful transition to democracy. **REUTERS**

No plans to send US troops

WASHINGTON. The United States does not intend to send ground forces into Libya to assist in any international peacekeeping operations following the

fall of Muammar Gaddafi, the Pentagon said yesterday. As rebels searched for Gaddafi, the Pentagon knocked down speculation the Libyan leader might have slipped out of the country. **REUTERS**



▶ Libyan rebels flash victory signs as they patrol a street in Tripoli yesterday.



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Gaddafi on the run as rebels fight in Tripoli

► Loyalist forces continue to cling to final, violent vestiges of Libyan rule ► Obama supportive of new government, but won't send American troops ► Gaddafi's son appears at Tripoli hotel

Remnants of forces still loyal to Muammar Gaddafi staged a desperate stand in Tripoli yesterday as rebels fought their way into the capital, but the whereabouts of the veteran leader was a mystery.

World leaders urged Gaddafi, 69, to surrender to prevent more bloodshed and appealed for an orderly transition of power, as the 6-month-old battle for control of the oil-producing North African nation appeared to enter its final stages.

Rebels say they are now in control of most of Tripoli,

a sprawling coastal city of 2 million people on the Mediterranean Sea, but it was not clear whether Gaddafi was still in the Libyan capital.

Rebels swept into Tripoli two days ago in tandem with an uprising within the city. Reuters reporters saw firefights and clashes with heavy weapons, including anti-aircraft guns, as rebels tried to flush out snipers and pockets of resistance.

Hundreds seem to have been killed or wounded since Saturday. But Gaddafi tanks and sharpshooters ap-

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peared to hold only small areas, mainly around Gaddafi's heavily fortified Bab al-Aziziyah compound



► Suha El Darat, 19, from Misrata, Libya, celebrates in London.

in central Tripoli.

Civilians, who had mobbed the streets Sunday to cheer the end of dictatorship, stayed indoors as machine gun fire and explosions punctuated some of the heaviest fighting of the Arab Spring uprisings that have been reshaping the Middle East.

President Barack Obama, saying the conflict was not over yet, cautioned rebels against exacting revenge for Gaddafi's brutal rule. "True justice will not come from reprisals and violence," he said. **REUTERS**

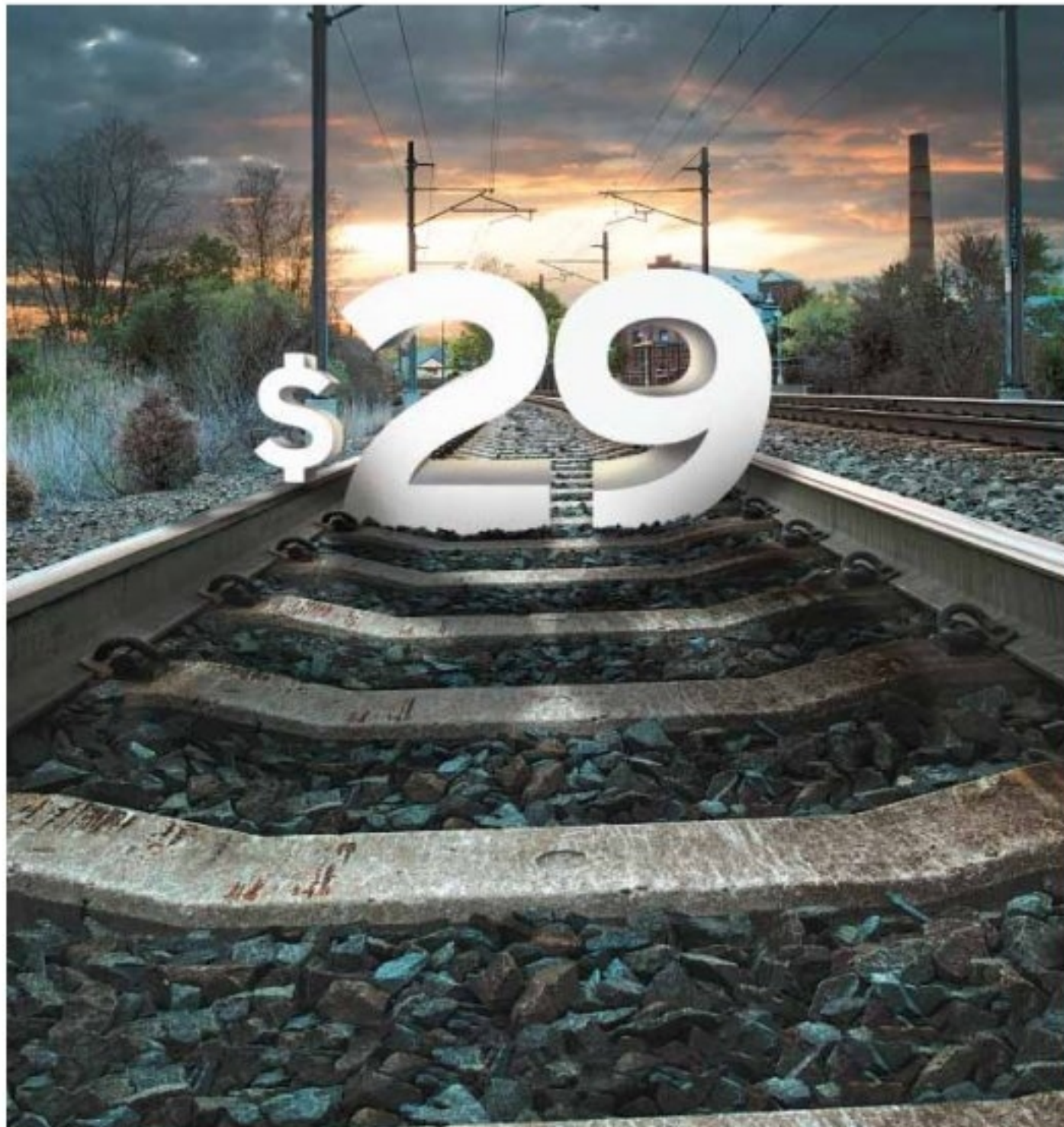


Leader's son says dad is safe

TRIPOLI. Saif al-Islam, the reportedly arrested son of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, arrived late yesterday at the Tripoli hotel where foreign reporters are staying.

Television footage showed him pumping his fists in the air, smiling, waving and shaking hands with supporters, as well as holding his arms aloft with each hand making the V for victory sign.

Saif told journalists that Libya was in fact in government hands and that Muammar Gaddafi was safe. **REUTERS**



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The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Christina Applegate is having diet trouble, Omar Epps disagrees with the ref and Alec Baldwin is making pet plans.

► [@1capplegate](#)
If on a juice cleanse is it ok to have bread dipped in olive oil, since oo is technically juice and bread is..oh crap I ruined my cleanse

► [@omarepps](#)
Dear Russell Mora, You are a travesty to all of the legitimate referees in boxing! You should be banned from the sport! Sincerely, Me

► [@AlecBaldwin](#)
I shall get a dog. And I shall name it..... Governor Rick Perry.



Omar Epps



► The cute couple is no more?

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Gomez and Bieber are officially over?

Teen "it" couple, **Selena Gomez**, 19, and **Justin Bieber**, 17, have maybe broken up, with Gomez reportedly the one doing the dumping. A report in Sunday's Daily Star newspaper says Gomez was put off by Bieber's maturity level. "She doesn't feel Justin is quite mature enough yet to be in a long-term, stable relationship. She's in the market for someone a little older and more worldly wise," a source says.

An insider once gossiped to Metro about the couple, saying Bieber was always way more into the relationship than Gomez. He apparently had a crush on Gomez for ages; she kept

turning down his advances until finally relenting. But now, it seems as though the "Wizards of Waverly Place" star wants to say "never" to the "Never Say Never" star. Here are four more (totally not true) reasons Gomez might have called it quits:

4 Girlfriend is 19, Biebs is only 17. Obviously it doesn't work. She loves to indulge in all the cigs, porn and lottery tickets her money can buy. While filling out her voter registration card, she realized Bieber is slowing her down, majorly.

3 Gomez is tired of all the death threats by the

millions of teenage fans of Bieber. How many stabby emoticons can one girl take?

2 She realized that if she wanted to look like she was dating a lesbian, she should just go after **Sam Ronson**.

1 And for the most believable reason: Gomez probably realized just how wicked hot she actually is and figured she could get some A-list (older actor/singer version A-list) arm candy. Or she realized that most Disney starlets don't really graduate to the big leagues until they boff **John Mayer** first.

Hot Prince Harry action

Prince Harry is heading to the U.S. The young royal will reportedly spend two

months in California and Arizona training on Apache helicopters, according to the BBC. After becoming an Apache pilot, Harry could be sent back

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to Afghanistan next year, something he's reportedly expressed interest in. "Harry is an Army pilot and will deploy wherever the Army chooses to send

him," a royal spokesman says. "His course finishes in 2012, and after that his deployment will be a matter for the Army chain of command." Hubba hubba.

Talking points

Mueller and Sheen in Mexico

Three months after their divorce was finalized, **Charlie Sheen** and **Brooke Mueller** are reportedly "thinking of getting back together," a source tells *Us Weekly*. The pair were spotted over the weekend boarding a private jet together to Mexico and smiling. "She's totally gung-ho," the source says. "He just wants his kids to be happy, and if that means they need to

be a family, then he is up for it. The kids have suffered a lot, and he feels so guilty lately."

Brad Pitt's fish tale

Brad Pitt isn't letting long shooting days on "World War Z" keep him from enjoying being in Scotland. The actor reportedly took his sons out for a bit of fishing recently on the grounds of their lavish rented estate, according to *Us Weekly*. "Brad looked very proud of the boys, despite the fact that no one managed to catch anything," a source says. "I



► Pitt on the set of "World War Z"

don't think Brad particularly cared about getting a bite."

The lady for Radcliffe

Daniel Radcliffe's mystery girlfriend has been identified as **Rosanne Coker**, a production assistant who worked on the last three "Harry Potter" films as well as Radcliffe's upcoming "The Woman in Black," according to the *Daily Mail*. "They would really prefer to keep things quiet," her father, **Malcolm Coker**, tells the newspaper. "But they have been going out for just over a year now.

I have met Daniel and he is a lovely guy."

Kim Stewart is a mom

Kimberly Stewart gave birth to a baby girl Sunday in Los Angeles, according to *Us Weekly*. While the baby's father, Oscar-winner **Benicio del Toro**, was not present at the hospital, new grandfather **Rod Stewart** was. "Benicio is the father and very supportive," del Toro's rep said earlier this year. "Although [he and Kimberly] are not a couple, they are looking forward to the arrival of the baby."



Concerts, 'Feminist Bookstores' and the Hoff

► **1:** Eminem headlined the second day of the V Festival at Hylands Park on Sunday in Chelmsford, England.

► **2:** Kevin James arrived at the "Zookeeper" Australian premiere on Sunday in Sydney. Yes, apparently, "Zookeeper" is still a thing — in Australia.

► **3:** "Portlandia" stars Fred Armisen and Carrie Brownstein hosted a local "Feminist Bookstore" fundraising event at In Other Words on Saturday in Portland, Ore.

► **4:** Scott Kirkland of the Crystal Method performed on stage with some kind of instrument (what is that thing?) during the 2011 Identity Festival at Nikon at Jones Beach Theater on Sunday.

► **5:** David Hasselhoff performed at G-A-Y on Saturday in London.

► **7:** Nadya "Octomom" Suleman attended the Celebrity Boxing Match Press Conference on Friday in Florida.

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TV watch list



'Pretty Little Liars'

DRAMA. The girls finally decide to confide in someone outside of their circle about "A." Lying in some form resumes immediately afterwards. 8 p.m., ABC Family

'Cupcake Wars'

REALITY. The real challenge in tonight's gambling-themed contest? Explaining why any 500-calorie cupcake isn't already sinful enough for Sin City. 8 p.m., Food Network **AMBER RAY**

'No Skies' and no sleep for Slaine

► Rapper on making time for both music and movies
► Up now: New album ► Up next: Movie with Brad Pitt



► Sleep? Slaine don't need no stinkin' sleep!

While other people sleep, Slaine keeps grinding away: working on his music, contemplating movie roles and touring whenever possible.

That's just how he's wired, the Boston emcee says: "I always have my eye on the future, it's survival for me. ... I have gotten where I am right now because I outwork everybody. I don't stop."

Last Tuesday, Slaine's debut solo album "A World With No Skies 2.0" dropped — a year after the original album stalled due to sample-clearing issues. When he ran into roadblocks, the rapper started releasing free mixtapes for fans.

But with his album finally out, he says the 2.0 version "takes things to another level."

"The record is way different," he says. "It has a substance."

Slaine had to reinterpret the concept after going through a divorce and other

"I always have my eye on the future, it's survival for me. ... I have gotten where I am right now because I outwork everybody." SLAINE

struggles that weren't reflected in the original.

"Anything that had its integrity compromised I got rid of," says Slaine of his revision process.

Where 1.0 was boom-bap, 2.0 uses guitarists, violinists and pianists, creating a dramatic sound.

Notable for his roles in two Ben Affleck films, Slaine recently did work alongside Brad Pitt and Ray Liotta in a mob-style movie set to hit screens in March.

"My time is right now," he says. "I've been working to get here my whole life."



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Saturday: "A Star is Born"

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Jennifer Close's 'something borrowed' is inspiration

► For Close, the weddings kept coming and so did her stories ► Her book follows the time in a woman's life where work is filled with hungover despair, while weekends are spent at nuptials

Author Jennifer Close has been to a lot of weddings. And engagement parties. And bridal showers. And bachelorette soirees. But

then again, you'd be hard-pressed to find any 32-year-old who hasn't. Such is the social life of most post-grad women, an era Close deftly

captures in her debut novel, "Girls in White Dresses," which follows a group of women as they navigate the wilds (and subsequent hangovers) of their 20s and 30s — and yes, go to a ton of weddings.

"I was writing it one summer when I had ten weddings to go to and was in three of them. It was sort of all we talked about," Close says from her home in Washington, D.C. "It's that time of your life when it overtakes you."

Her weekends were booked and her bank account drained, but the nuptials gave Close a gift — a way to pull together the vignettes she was working on. "After I got my MFA, I started working at a magazine [Portfolio] and it was so busy that I stopped

A girl in white

Close is about to launch a book tour to promote "Girls in White Dresses," and she's also about to begin writing her second novel. But there's one other big event on her dance card this year: "I'm actually getting married in the fall," she laughs.

working on my own stuff," she remembers. "But slowly, these stories starting coming out. And after it folded, I had the time to work on them. I realized weddings would be a good way to tie together their lives."

Close's publisher is betting that the mixture of Close's sardonic, well-crafted female characters and the all-too-familiar feeling of wedding fatigue will capture a large audience; it's one of Knopf's biggest releases of the fall. "The thing that makes me happiest is when people tell me, 'I know who these girls are. They are my friends,'" Close admits. "That's when I know I did my job well."



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TINA CHADHA

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Buffett haters miss the point

RE: "PAY UP OR SHUT UP, BUFFETT": I have been reading quite a few letters here asking Warren Buffett to just send a check to the Treasury Department. This does not address our country's unfair tax policy, which allows the wealthiest Americans to pay a much lower tax rate than the average working American. Yes, Mr. Buffett can write a check to the Dept. of Treasury, but that is not going to reform our tax policy, which hasn't been this regressive in the last 50 years. If

anything, Mr. Buffett voluntarily paying more taxes enables our unfair tax policy to continue.
FLORA HUANG, NEW YORK

Explore our own backyard!

RE: "AMERICAN HIKERS JAILED FOR 8 YEARS IN IRAN": This is ridiculous! These three dumb kids walked the wrong way on a one-way street into Iran. This should be a lesson for other kids that decide to take a hiking trip anywhere near these crazy countries. There is plenty of beautiful hiking to do right in the U.S., and you don't get

arrested for spying.
CHERYL GILBERT, OAKLYN, NJ

Prices up so rich can profit

I had a great respect toward the president who brought changes to the corrupt and unorganized financial markets, but I was astonished to hear Barack Obama lament that the rise in food prices is caused by Indians and Chinese who have "started eating more." Even a high school student will tell why prices rise disproportionate to their demand; the greed of the speculators

has caused the global meltdown. If left uncontrolled, the rich become richer feeding on the blood money extracted by squeezing the middle and poor classes of society.
SRINIVAS GUDURU, VIA E-MAIL

Plenty to judge in Obama reign

In a recent interview on CBS, President Barack Obama admitted he knows that a year from now he is going to be judged for the slow improvement of the economy. He took credit for making the right decisions, though nothing has changed since Bush messed it up. With all due respect, you will be judged not for what you did but for all the dubious conquests accomplished.
RICARDO CUMMINGS, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Friends or co-workers are likely to tell you things that they wouldn't tell others, mostly because they trust you not to make light of what's bothering them and blab it to the world.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Read, attend a lecture or go someplace new where you can learn something different. Remember: Not only is knowledge power, but it'll also help you develop a good life philosophy.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Different ideas that originate from others will prove to be advantageous when put into play. You'll know exactly how to adapt them to your needs.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Make it a point to iron out an issue or matter that has proven to be a source of irritation for you lately. A frank and honest discussion with the parties involved will make everybody happy.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. A project you've been avoiding just because it looks a bit overwhelming can be accomplished with relative ease. Give it a go, see for yourself.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. Your enthusiastic, positive attitude will be a big plus — not only for yourself, but also for all those whose lives you touch. Your upbeat presence alone

will lift the spirits of companions.
Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. Follow through on any ideas you get to beautify the spaces in which you spend the most time. What you conceive is likely to produce lasting, favorable effects.

Aries March 21-April 19. This day will be far more enjoyable if you can get out and move around a bit. Whether you're calling on clients, running errands or dropping in on friends, you'll have a grand old time.

Taurus April 20-May 20. Your ability for spotting bargains is likely to be far sharper than usual, so find some time to shop a bit. If you can't get out, browse on the Internet.

Gemini May 21-June 20. It would be wise to be a good listener and a keen observer, especially when you're around admirable minds. Put to good use everything you learn.

Cancer June 21-July 22. Take care not to treat with disdain benign developments just because you think of them as insignificant. Opportunities stemming from little bits of knowledge can be monumental.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22. Try to go to places that are a bit different, if you can. Mingling with new faces, ideas and experiences can offer you novel perspectives and refresh your attitude. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

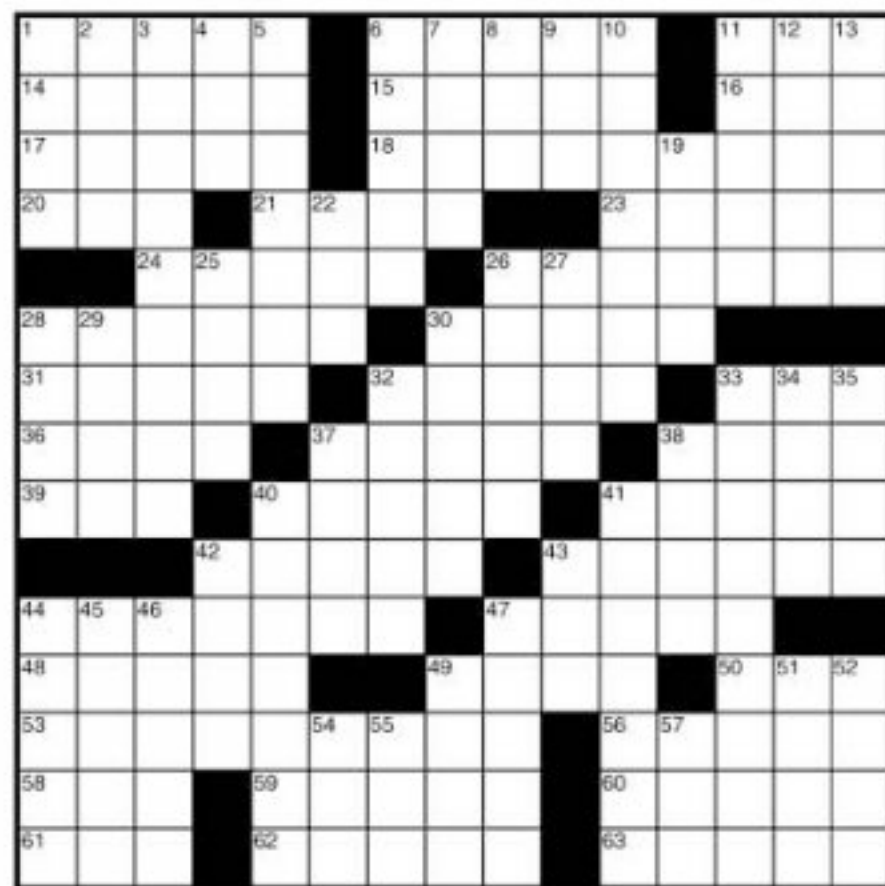
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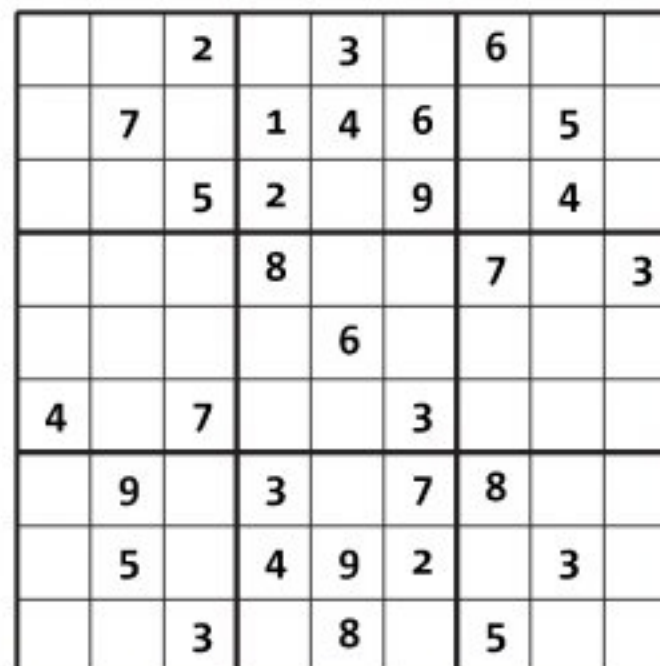
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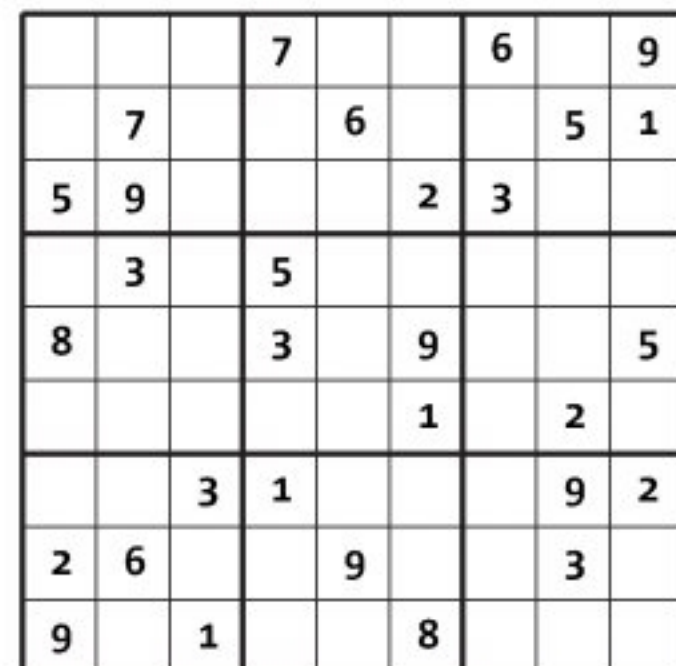


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What's new at Walt Disney World

► Kim Wright Wiley, author of 'Fodor's Walt Disney World with Kids,' gives the lowdown on what's on tap for 2011-2012 ► Whether your preference is cruise ships, princesses, wild animals or a galaxy far, far away, you can bet Disney has something new of interest to you

Wild Africa Trek launches at Animal Kingdom

This three-hour Wild Africa Trek is part behind-the-scenes tour and part pulse-pounding adventure. You're tethered with harnesses and bungee cords while walking along the ledge of the hippo pit, and you cross a swinging bridge that's 25 feet in the air and situated over a crocodile-filled river. Later, guides commandeer a truck, continue along the Kilimanjaro Trail and frequently stop to take pictures. The trek ends with a picnic on a deck built over the savannah — and with some of the best food on Disney property.

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So lush, so lovely, so St. Lucia

► When you think 'Caribbean' you might think 'flat' and 'calm' ► Well, think again
► St. Lucia boasts mountainous landscapes as well as the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea

The blue sea and white beaches unify the islands of the Caribbean, but whether it's the colorful architecture of Curacao, the French cuisine of St. Maarten or the nightlife of San Juan, every island boasts a unique distinction. For St. Lucia, it's the topography. Admittedly, saying an island has unique terrain isn't the most sexy way to get you to hop on a plane — but St. Lucia is a lush, mountain-

ous island with fertile valleys, acres of banana plants and coconut palms, picturesque fishing villages and even a volcano. It would be a destination in its own right; but add the fact that the island boasts both the Atlantic and Caribbean sea coasts, and you have a picturesque, idyllic escape.

Take a hike or hit the 'drive-in'

The Pitons, designated a UNESCO World Heritage

site in 2004, are two volcanic spires (Gros Piton and Petit Piton) that rise magnificently from the sea on the western side of the island. Hiking is allowed on Gros Piton and local guides will help you navigate to the top, where a natural hardwood forest and several species of rare birds await. Not feeling adventurous? Locals love



the fact that their volcano, located in Sulphur Springs Park, is a "drive-in." True to word, there's little walking involved to check out the boiling black water and hydrogen sulfide burping out of the dormant volcano. There's even a small tourism industry devoted to letting you take a little dip in one of the sulphur pools.

What to eat & drink

St. Lucians take much pride in their rum punch, and it's available at almost every hotel, restaurant and bar on the island. Due to the eclectic heritage of the locals, the cuisine is a delicious mix of Caribbean staples like curry, jerk, rice and stewed dishes, with a dash of creole, loads of barbecue options, fish fries and the main food export, bananas.

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- Special teams, defense impress
 ► But Giants' first team offense shows little
 ► Jacobs one positive

The last time the Giants and Bears played it was a beating like no other. Chicago quarterbacks were sacked 10 times, with nine coming against starter Jay Cutler.



The Giants didn't bring the hammer like they did that fateful night, but they still made life uncomfortable for the Bears signal caller. New York's first team only saw action in the first half and held Chicago to 194 first-half yards. Other than two big plays by the Bears on consecutive plays late in the first half, Big Blue held down the fort as the starters built a 20-6 halftime lead.

New York's offense wasn't as dominant as their defensive brethren, with the first unit sputtering early and often. The Giants continued their maddening

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trend of three-and-outs by missing on its first two chances, extending its streak to seven consecutive missed third-down conversions. The Giants didn't convert a third down until midway through the first quarter.

It's been a bugaboo all preseason and Eli Manning and his receiving corps have not made the faithful believers yet. That includes the nonexistent play of the tight ends, which has been lost in the third-down ineptness.

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► Brandon Jacobs was impressive even if the rest of the offense wasn't.

Terrell Thomas

► The Giants got some bad news at halftime when cornerback Terrell Thomas was diagnosed with a torn ACL.

Brandon Jacobs

► Jacobs looked fresh and explosive. He had 48 yards on six carries, plus an impressive 18-yard TD.

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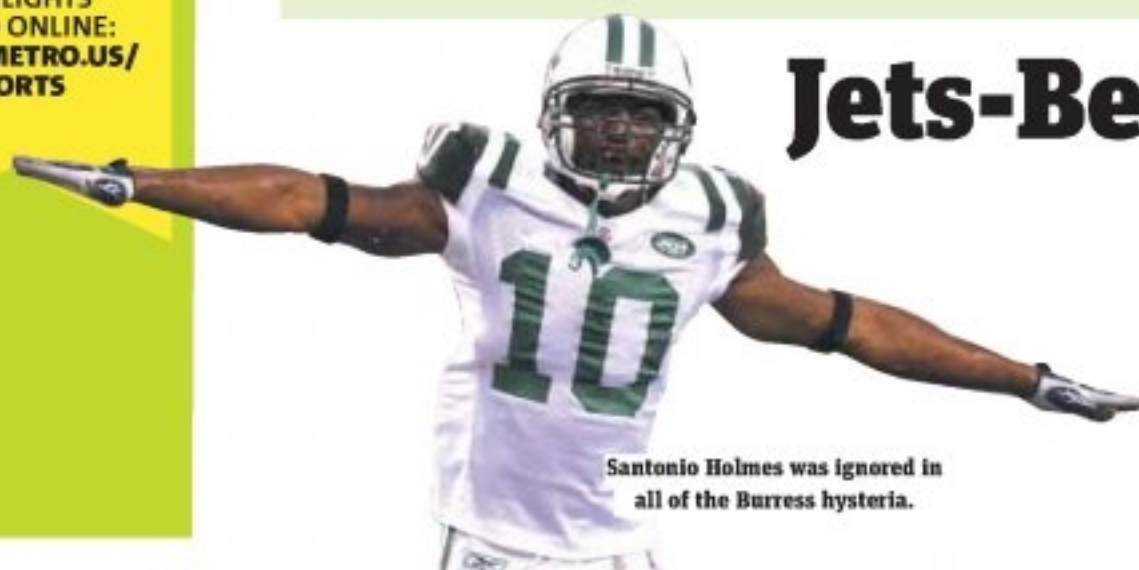
► The reserve linebacker blocked a punt that set up a Domenik Hixon TD at the end of the first half.

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Santonio Holmes was ignored in all of the Burrell hysteria.

Jets-Bengals: 3 things you missed

1 Holmes sweet

Lost in the Plaxico Burress hoopla was the fact that Santonio Holmes is still the catalyst of this offense. Holmes gave the Jets an early lead on a 16-yard touchdown catch.

2 Joe McKnight gets

chance to shine With Shonn Greene out of Sunday's game with a staph infection, McKnight carried more of a load. He had seven carries for 36 yards and hauled in two passes for seven yards.

3 More red zone help

for Mark Sanchez Tight end Jeff Cumberland finished with two catches for 43 yards and looks like he might surpass Matt Mulligan as the tight end behind Dustin Keller.

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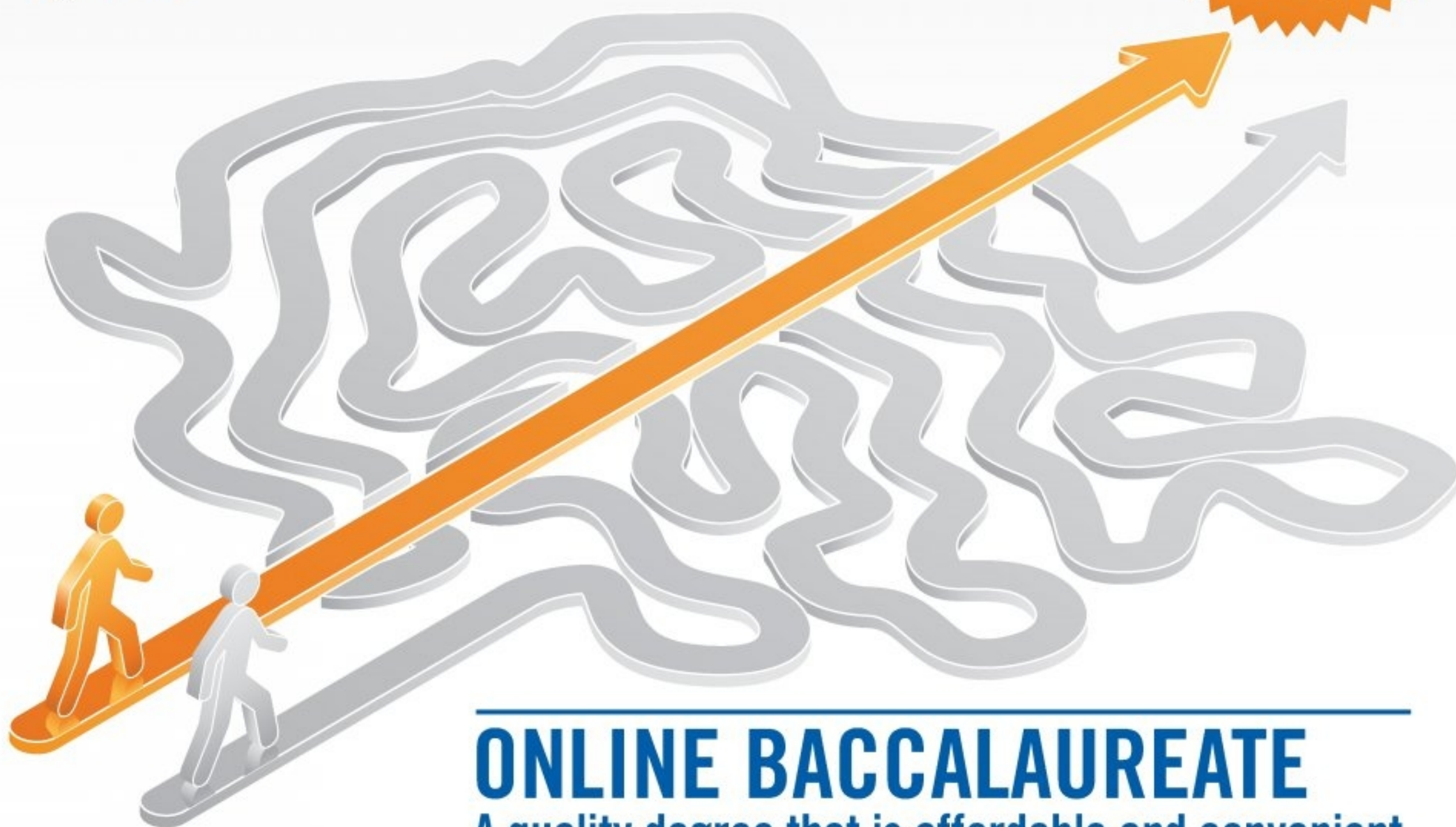
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